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THE FINANCIAL SITUATION.

Politics and crops made progress last week. In politics the progressive movement, going clearly on the safe side, outlined for some time past, led to few more prosecutions, a few more investigations and many more denials.

Reports from the so-called experts, avowedly favorable in the early part of this month, are now disregarded entirely. Neither the stock market nor the commodities markets take them seriously.

At the end of last week it was the consensus, based on Government weather reports and other reliable information, that a notable improvement in cotton, corn and wheat had taken place in the previous ten days.

There was a time when the voice of the crop expert commanded credence. Crop experts were then employed in numbers by bankers and prominent financiers.

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